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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 11917

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM THE AMBASSADOR

EO 11652 GDS

TAGS: OVIP

SUBJ: ROGER'S TRAVEL TO AYACUCHO

REF: STATE 264719

1. I THINK MY TELEGRAMS SENT YESTERDAY(CARACAS 11890 AND 11892) REPORTING MY BREAKFAST CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ FAIRLY "COVER THE WATERFRONT" SO FAR AS TOPICS IN WHICH HE AND HIS FOREIGN MINISTER ARE INTERESTED MIGHT BE CONCERNED. IN ADDITION AND ON SPECIFICS:

A. PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FONMIN SCHACHT WILL WISH TO KNOW OUR VIEWS ON TIMING OF UPCOMING TALKS, AND SPECIFICALLY WHETHER WE AGREE TO ACHACHT'S PROPOSAL (CARACAS 11850) THAT THEY COMMENCE IN JANUARY.

B. YESTERDAY PRESIDENT PERZ WAS FULL OF WHAT TO DO ABOUT CUBA BUT HAD NOTHING SPECIFIC TO OFFER OTHER THAN THAT HE INTENDED TO RECOGNIZE THE CASTRO REGIME AND HAD APPARENTLY ABANDONED ANY THOUGHT OF FURTHER WORKING THROUGH THE OAS. HE AND HIS MINISTER WILL PROBABLY WANT TO FIND OUT OUR ONWARD VIEWS ON CUBA.

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C. PEREZ (CARACAS 11867) PRIDES HIMSELF ON VENEZUELA'S
GENEROUS STAND IN RECYCLING PETRODOLLARS AND MIGHT BE INTERESTED
TO HAVE OUR VIEWS ON THAT GENERAL SUBJECT.

D. VENEZUELANS ARE HIGHLY ALLERGIC TO THE DECISION OF
OUR SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE (STATE 263873) TO EXCLUDE OPEC
COUNTRIES FROM GENERALIZED PREFERNCE BENEFITS. IF THE TRADE BILL
GOES THROUGH WITH THIS PROVISION IN IT, WE MAY EXPECT AN INSTANT
MOVE BY VENEZUELA TO UDNERTAKE RETALIATORY MEASURES AGAINST
US COMMERCE HERE.
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